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Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 281 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 to adopt, on a regular basis, a biennial cycle of meetings which would correspond to the programme budget cycle, for better administrative control,

Recalling also its decision 1988/103 of 5 February 1988 to invite the Committee on Conferences to review the provisional biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the Economic and Social Council and submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 66/233 of 24 December 2011, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to propose, at its sixty-seventh session, a comprehensive review of conference servicing highlighting any duplications and redundancies, with a view to identifying innovative ideas, potential synergies and other cost-saving measures, without compromising the quality of its services,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 71/262 of 23 December 2016, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the need to address the issue of duplications and redundancies in conference servicing and noted that the Council had decided, in its resolution 2013/13 of 22 July 2013, to consider at a later date the necessity of reviewing its provisional biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the light of the ongoing intergovernmental consultations on the further strengthening of the Council,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly will review the arrangements contained in Assembly resolution 68/1 of 20 September 2013, entitled "Review of

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the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council", at its seventy-second session,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council will adopt a decision on the working arrangements for its 2018 session at the first meeting of the session, on 27 July 2017,

1. *Decides* to approve the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2018 and 2019, to be updated, as necessary, in the light of the decision of the Economic and Social Council on the working arrangements for its 2018 session and other relevant decisions to be adopted by the Council or the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to propose to the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council at its 2018 session a streamlined list of bodies whose conferences and meetings should be included in future provisional calendars of conferences to be considered by the Council starting at its 2019 session;

3. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, to include in the agenda of its 2018 session, under the item entitled "Coordination, programme and other questions", the sub-item entitled "Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields".